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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: T. Nomura, et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 7762
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005 in connection with the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the **Specification** are made in a substitute specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125 and a marked-up specification showing the amendments is attached hereto.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2 hereof.

A discussion of miscellaneous formalities begins on page 8 hereof.

Remarks being on page 9 hereof.

The Applicant petitions for an extension of time within which to file this Response. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

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